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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6405

BILL NUMBER: HB 1498

DATE PREPARED: Dec 18, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Tuition Exemptions.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides, for purposes of the tuition exemption at state educational institutions to which the surviving spouse or children of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty are entitled, that the term "other required fees" includes room and board expenses.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Based on a survey of institutions of higher education, it appears that fewer than 20 students are enrolled on Indiana's campuses who are either children or spouses of public safety officers who were killed in the line of duty. Based on the average room and board fee of \$5,500, the cost of a traditional two-occupant dormitory room with 20 to 21 meals per week, the additional cost would be \$110,000 per year.

Room and board fees are paid into an auxiliary account separate from the General Operating Budget. All costs related to residence halls are paid from this account. If free room and board are provided to certain students, the costs will be borne by the other students. The state appropriation for universities' operating budgets is not used to cover the costs of the residence halls.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Universities.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Survey of State Universities and Expenditure Schedule VIII from Universities
2001-03 Operating Budget Requests.